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## Rocket Man: The Life and Music of Elton John

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Elton John, originally Reginald Kenneth Dwight, chose his stage name inspired by two of his bandmates. Explain the significance of the name "Elton John" and its role in his transformation into a music icon.
2. The collaboration between Elton John and Bernie Taupin has been enduring and successful. Analyze the importance of their partnership, the role of Bernie Taupin as a lyricist, and the impact of their songs on popular music.
3. "Your Song" is considered one of Elton John's most iconic songs. Discuss the song's significance in his career, the emotional depth of its lyrics, and its enduring popularity.
4. Elton John's flamboyant stage persona, characterized by extravagant costumes and oversized glasses, became synonymous with his name. Explore the impact of his stage presence on his live performances and audience reactions.

